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For: A METHOD FOR SYNTHESIS, SEPARATION AND SCREENING OF A PLURALITY OF COMPOUNDS IN THE SAME BULK OF A STATIONARY PHASE

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

October 31, 2002

Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Office Action dated August 1, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 4 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for preparing and screening a plurality of compounds, said compounds being handled in a bulk of a stationary phase, the method comprises the sequential steps of (a) synthesizing the compounds by a chemical reaction performed in the bulk of the stationary phase, (b) separating the compounds in the

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